Title: References regarding the passing away of Shri Bipin Pal Das, member of 8th Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha (1970-82).

11.03 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, namely, Shri Bipin Pal Das.

Shri Bipin Pal Das was a Member of the Eighth Lok Sabha from December, 1985 to 1989 representing Tezpur Parliamentary Constituency of Assam. Earlier, Shri Das was a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 1970 to 1982 representing the State of Assam.

A distinguished Parliamentarian, Shri Das was the Vice-Chairman, Rajya Sabha from 1973 to 1974 and Chairman, Committee on Petitions, Rajya Sabha from 1978 to 1982 and a Member, Public Accounts Committee from 1972 to 1974.

An able administrator, Shri Das served as Union Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs from 1974 to 1977.

A freedom fighter, Shri Das took active part in India's freedom struggle in 1942 and underwent imprisonment. He took active part in the movement for accession of Manipur to the Indian Union.

A noted educationist, Shri Das began his career as a lecturer of Physics in the Ashutosh College, Calcutta in 1945. He was also a lecturer in the Darrang College, Tezpur from 1947 to 1950 and served as Principal and Professor of that College from 1959 to 1968. He also had a few publications to his credit.

A widely travelled person, Shri Das was member of various Indian delegations and goodwill missions abroad and represented the country in several international events. He was a member of the Indian delegation to the United Nations' General Assembly session in 1971 and again in the year 1975.

Shri Bipin Pal Das passed away on 3 July, 2005 at the age of 82.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

11.04 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.